Mr. Michael J. O'Toole, Jr., P.E. Director Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 50 Wolf Road Albany, New York 12233

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

In May, 1987 the Environmental Protection Agency initiated a removal action at the Bossert Manufacturing Site in Utica, New York. The contractor completed the removal of significant quantities of PCB contaminated material and other hazardous substances in June, 1987.

The Bossert site has been remediated, as necessary, to remove the immediate health threat. PCB contamination has been removed from the floor and walls and the exterior of the large metal presses to a level which does not pose an immediate health threat. All PCB contaminated materials have been placed in a secure room in a large pile in which the combustable wooden materials are overlain in by the incombustable contaminated metal scraps. The openings to this room have been blockaded with mortar and brick. He have consulted with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and representatives from the Emergency Response Team, both of whom have indicated that the site does not pose a serious health threat.

Please be advised that the removal action that was performed at the Bossert site is complete. No additional work is contemplated by EPA under the removal program. Unless this site is placed on the NPL, no remedial work could be performed (preliminary review indicated that the site would not rank high enough to be listed on the NPL).

EPA will continue to monitor this site through occasional visits to the Bossert Facility for the purpose of assuring that the conditions have not changed.

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All records and files related to the extensive sampling of this site as well as other pertinent data will be available to you and your staff.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this site, please feel free to contact Mr. Harmon at (201) 321-6789.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen D. Luftig, Director Emergency and Remedial Response Division

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